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The cover picture on this years town report shows the sign on The New Fire Station that was carved by George Pitts and Donated to the Fire Department. We wish to thank George for this fine gift. We would also like to thank Sid Palmer for the fine photograph of the new sign.

TOWN OFFICERS

1978 - 1979

TOWN CLERK

Marcia L. Whitehouse

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Joann Ireland

SELECTMEN

Peter Gamester, 1 year Margaret H. Harrington, 2 years
Douglas R. Woodward, 3 years

TREASURER

John B. Cabana

DEPUTY TREASURER

Ralph Lincoln

AUDITOR

Roland Bergeron, C.P.A.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

William Priestley

DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES

I. Elizabeth Priestley

CHIEF OF POLICE

Stanley M. Pridham

ROAD AGENT

Richard C. Tabbutt

TOWN HISTORIAN

Janet Macomber

HEALTH OFFICER

Frank M. Gvozdenovic, M.D.

FIRE CHIEF

Reginald E. Whitehouse

FIRE WARDENS

Charles Petlick, 3 years Walter Glidden, 2 years
Richard White, 1 year

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS

Lois T. Page George S. Pitts
John B. Cabana

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Ivory Kimball, 2 years Leonard N. Rhoades, 1 year
Ralph Lincoln, 3 years

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Harlan Talbot, 1 year Ivory G. Kimball, 2 years
Joann Ireland, 3 years

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carolyn Baker, 3 years Pamela Cullen, 1 year
Virginia Klotz, 2 Years

MODERATOR

Wilfred H. Hall

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

Pauline Harris Gloria Pridham
Charles W. Clark

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Henry Greenberg, 2 years Ivory G. Kimball, 1 year
Reginald E. Whitehouse, 5 years
Kathleen McDonough Gray, 4 years
Ann T. Finn, 3 years
Alternate Brooks Kennedy

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Clark, 5 years Howell Russell, 4 years
Magaret Hartford, 3 years George S. Pitts, 2 years
M. Tuck Curtiss, 1 year Alternate Dr. Gerard Michaud
Ex-Officio Peter Gamester

RECREATION COMMISSION

Harold Ward	Shirley Holt, III
Shirley Miles	Brooks Kennedy
Deborah Schulte	Roderick Ricard
Ex-Officio Peter Gamester	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Raymond Burzynski	Philip P. Finn
Marie Tremblay	Carol Olson
Barbara Rowland	
Ex-Officio Margaret H. Harrington	

MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

Christopher Baker	Raymond O. Burzynski
Ex-Officio Margaret H. Harrington	

MEMBERS OF SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Raymond O. Burzynski
Margaret M. Hartford

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

District 17

Margaret M. Hartford, New Castle
Elizabeth Greene, Rye
James A. Perkins, Rye

SENATE DISTRICT 24

James Splaine, Portsmouth

TOWN BUILDING INSPECTOR

Fred P. Pitts

DOG WARDEN

Fred P. Pitts

ARCHIVES AND RECORD COMMISSION

Janet Macomber

Geraldine Woodward

Anna White

Frederick White

Mary White

Cynthia Thomas

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Donald A. Moore, 3 years F. Andrew Schulte, 2 years

Louis Klotz, 1 year

Judith Sawyer, School Board Member

Douglas R. Woodward, Selectmen Member

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Until May 1979 Town Meeting)

Fred White

Carolyn Baker

Paul Clark

Henry Greenberg

Wilfred Hall

Janet Macomber

Bert Palmer

Wayne Semprini

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE ANNUAL SALARIES

Peter Gamester	\$1,300.00
Margaret H. Harrington	1,200.00
Douglas R. Woodward	1,200.00
Marcia L. Whitehouse	1,000.00
John B. Cabana	1,000.00
William Priestley	1,500.00
Joann Ireland	200.00
Richard C. Tabbutt	1,000.00
Dr. Frank M. Gvozdenovic	25.00
Reginald E. Whitehouse	350.00
Pauline Harris	50.00
Gloria M. Pridham	50.00
Charles W. Clark	50.00
Ivory G. Kimball	50.00
Joann Ireland	50.00
Harlan Talbot	50.00
Janet Macomber	150.00

ACTION ON ARTICLES OF TOWN MEETING 1978

ARTICLE 3. PASSED Donald More, Chr. of Budget Committee, presented Town Budget. Final budget passed was \$436,399.00

ARTICLE 4. 1 percent for real estate taxes paid within 6 weeks. PASSED.

ARTICLE 5. If the Town would accept Town Road Aid from the State for construction of Town roads. PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To move Town Meeting day from 2nd Tuesday in March to 2nd Tuesday in May. PASSED

ARTICLE 7. If Town wished to exclude from Social Security Plan election officials or workers for each calendar year if services is less than \$100.00. PASSED

ARTICLE 8. Authorize Selectmen to issue one tax bill in Nov. 1978, covering 18 months. DEFEATED

ARTICLE 9. To authorize the Selectmen to issue a tax bill covering 9 months in May 1978, and another bill for the remainder in Nov. 1978. PASSED AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE "or as close thereto as feasible".

ARTICLE 10. Which direction the Town wished the Selectmen to proceed with regard to Town Hall. PASSED was A. Make minimal repairs to the existing structure, with \$2,217.00 in Reserve Account, voted 2 years previous to fix Town Hall.

ARTICLE 11. Appropriate sum of \$6,562.00 to help defray cost of new fire truck. Revenue Sharing Funds. PASSED.

ARTICLE 12. Appropriate sum of \$6,562.00 for use as setoff against budgeted appropriations of Police Department. Revenue Sharing Funds. PASSED.

ARTICLE 13. Petition of John McCormack and 10 others to send letter to General Court Re: urging Court to pass legislation prohibiting utilities from including in their rates financing charges for facilities not actually able to provide service. PASSED.

ARTICLE 14. Petition of Henry Greenberg and 18 others to raise and appropriate necessary sum of money to correct drainage on Walton Road. DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 15 through 21., which appeared on ballot had to be disqualified until a Special Town Meeting, because the numbering of the articles on the ballot did not coincide with numbering on warrant.

ARTICLE 22. Further business, Town voted that on motion of Wilfred Hall, the Selectmen appoint a 9 member special committee to study town offices needs. PASSED

ACTION OF BALLOT VOTE SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING APRIL 1978

ARTICLE 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Authority of the Planning Board as stated in warrant. PASSED.

YES 63 NO 7

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1. as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED.

YES 62 NO 7

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED

YES 64 NO 7

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED

YES 59 NO 11

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED

YES 60 NO 8

ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED

YES 43 NO 30

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to Town Building Code as proposed by Planning Board as indicated in warrant. PASSED

YES 74 NO 4

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town adopt the expanded elderly exemption on real estate 65 years or older provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least 5 years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than \$7,000. or combined with spouse of less than \$9,000; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of \$50,000.?

PASSED

YES 63 NO 10

ARTICLE 9. “Shall we adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-b relative to expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly, changing the basis of the exemption from the equalized assessed valuation to the actual assessed valuation?”

PASSED

YES 59 NO 15

ARTICLE 10. No further business presented.

SELECTMEN'S LETTER
Covers period of January 1 to February 28, 1979
14 months

At the 1977 Town Meeting, voters decided to change the Town's fiscal year to July 1st to June 30th, instead of the traditional calendar year. For the initial changeover period, programs and funding covered January 1st 1978, to June 30th 1979. While there have been some problems associated with this changeover, it has gone along without undue stress and the Town has not had to resort to borrowing to fund the added 6 months of program since the added 6 months costs were funded by taxes.

This past year has seen the initiation of the municipal budget system, which provided for a Budget Committee to oversee the preparation and execution of the annual budget. While this budgetary system is new to us, it does exercise considerable constraints over spending and we believe it is a useful and desirable improvement to our town government.

This past year has been noteworthy in several aspects which have received special attention. The Selectmen engaged the services of a C.P.A., to assist them in getting fiscal record keeping on a basis conforming to State standards.

A thorough review of the Town's insurance programs was made and the workmen's compensation insurance has been placed with the N.H. Municipal Association.

The status of town buildings has received special attention and a study of the Town office space requirement has been made by a committee. Their report is included in this report. The Selectmen are especially appreciative of this thorough analysis.

During the past year the sewer system has had a thorough shakedown and we now have a better understanding of the maintenance problems. We expect to take firm action to insure full conformance to the sewer ordinance. Final acceptance of the project from the contractor is still pending.

As of April 1st the Town is still involved in a tax abatement petition filed by Gertrude McCarthy. This action is now before the Rockingham County Superior Court.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Colonel Arthur T. Learnard, who so ably served this Town during the rather difficult period of sewer construction.

We selectmen are particularly aware of the many dedicated citizens who have served this Town without pay and with minimum recognition during the past fourteen months. We should all be aware that such citizen participation is in the best tradition of democracy at work. We should also realize that substantial financial benefits are derived from such free public services. While we are tempted to mention names we will refrain and rather refer to the listing in the town report.

Peter Gamester, Chairman
Margaret H. Harrington
Douglas R. Woodward

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Budget Status Report
for the 14 months ending February 28, 1979
GENERAL FUND

Revenues			
FISCAL PERIOD (18 Months) Ending June 30, 1979			
ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
Property Taxes	487,288.00	483,501.00	3,787
Property Taxes Discounts Contra Account		(3,988.00)	3,988.00
Resident Taxes	5,140.00	5,318.00	(178.00)
Yield Taxes	-	-	-
National Bank Stock Taxes	303.00	291.00	12
Interest on Taxes	1,500.00	918.00	582.00
Interest on Investments	2,050.00	5,628.00	(3,578.00)
Penalties	600.00	393.00	207.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	-	-	-
Business Profits Tax	-	474	(474)
Rooms & Meals Tax	5,794.00	5,794.00	-
Highway Subsidy	5,374.00	6,746.00	(1,372.00)
Interest & Dividends Tax	49,330.00	49,330.00	-

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
Savings Bank Tax	4,146.00	4,146.00	-
Gas Tax Refund	309.00	263.00	46.00
Water Pollution Projects			
State Aid	18,970.00	18,970.00	-
County Revenues	-	-	-
Dog Licenses	620.00	650.00	(30.00)
Permits, Licenses, Filing Fees	560.00	380.00	180.00
Fines, Forfeits	1,900.00	2,051.00	(151.00)
Registration of Motor Vehicles	28,500.00	26,295.00	2,205.00
Sale of Town Property	-	40.00	(40.00)
Revenue Sharing	15,341.00	8,779.00	6,562.00
Miscellaneous	2,952.00	525.00	2,427.00
Contra Account	-	777	(777)
Income from Recreation			
Department	1,875.00	1,699.00	176.00
Income from Trust Funds			
Library and Cemetery	1,700.00	1,091.00	609.00
Storm Damage	5,031.00	5,031.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES	639,283.00	625,102.00	14,181.00

ACCOUNT	EXPENDITURES		ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Officers Salaries	12,600.00	9,244.00	3,356.00
Town Officers Expenses	12,920.00	9,123.00	3,797.00
Election & Registration	2,045.00	1,823.00	222.00
Maint. of Town Hall & Other Town Owned Prop.			
Fuel Oil	2,000.	1,962.00	38.00
Electricity	700.00	442.00	258.00
New Equipment	-	2,113.00	(2,113.00)
Water	200.00	70.00	130.00
General Maintenance	1,087.00	856.00	231.00
Miscellaneous	25.00	73.00	(48.00)
Total Maint. of Town Hall	4,012.00	5,516.00	(1,504.00)
Employer Social Security & Retirement	4,050.00	3,561.00	489.00
Town Employees Salaries	-	-	-
Contingencies	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	483.00	17.00

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY			
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Salaries	26,250.00	20,070.00	6,180.00
Payroll Taxes	-	-	-
Cruiser Expense	4,400.00	2,268.00	2,132.00
Telephone	650.00	582.00	68.00
General Supplies	600.00	499.00	101.00
Repairs to Equipment	300.00	70.00	230.00
Health Insurance	1,225.00	1,358.00	(133.00)
Training	375.00	83.00	292.00
Uniforms & Accessories	650.00	417.00	233.00
Miscellaneous	-	49.00	(49.00)
TOTAL Police Dept.	34,450.00	25,396.00	9,054.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Salaries	2,500.00	2,475.00	25.00
Payroll Taxes	-	-	-
Heating	1,325.00	763.00	562.00
Telephone	1,375.00	1,085.00	290.00
Electricity	425.00	428.00	(3.00)
Building Maintenance	390.00	282.00	108.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,181.00	578.00	603.00
Training	820.00	100.00	720.00
Equipment Maintenance	605.00	543.00	62.00
New Equipment	5,063.00	4,433.00	630.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	207.00	43.00
TOTAL Fire Dept.	13,934.00	10,894.00	3,040.00

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
Insurance	10,700.00	10,143.00	557.00
Planning and Zoning	2,024.00	911.00	1,113.00
Damages & Legal Expense	6,700.00	3,303.00	3,397.00
Historic Records	1,300.00	1,271.00	29.00
Conservation Commission	750.00	40.00	710.00
HEALTH & WELFARE			
General	2,300.00	375.00	1,925.00
Sewer Maintenance	-	-	-
Vital Statistics	-	-	-
Refuse Collection	22,500.00	15,179.00	7,321.00
Mosquito Control	2,415.00	598.00	1,817.00
Ambulance Subsidy	750.00	500.00	250.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES			
Summer Highway Maint.			
Equipment Charges	-	216.00	(216.00)
Salaries	190.00	572.00	(382.00)
Contracted Services	3,700.00	829.00	2,871.00
Supplies	3,260.00	360.00	2,900.00
Total Summer Highway Maint.	7,150.00	1,977.00	5,173.00

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
Winter Highway Maint.			
Equipment Charges	-	968.00	(968.00)
Salaries	2,100.00	2,620.00	(520.00)
Contracted Services	14,700.00	14,735.00	(35.00)
Miscellaneous	-	340.00	(340.00)
Supplies	2,200.00	604.00	1,596.00
Total - Winter Highway Maint.	19,000.00	19,267.00	(267.00)
Street Lighting	7,750.00	6,170.00	1,580.00
General Highway Expense	14,500.00	764.00	13,736.00
Town Road Aid	2,010.00	42.00	1,968.00
LIBRARY			
Library	7,321.00	4,100.00	3,221.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			
Town Poor	4,600.00	-	4,600.00
Old Age Assistance	-	-	-
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	100.00	33.00	67.00
RECREATION			
Care and Maintenance	1,980.00	520.00	1,460.00
Heating	3,810.00	2,581.00	1,229.00
Electricity	1,512.00	1,609.00	(97.00)
Telephone	504.00	366.00	138.00

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL UNDER (OVER) BUDGET
Summer Personnel	3,225.00	1,108.00	2,117.00
Water	75.00	60.00	15.00
Police	300.00	1,410.00	(1,110.00)
Maintenance Supplies	1,000.00	402.00	598.00
Summer Supplies	848.00	18.00	830.00
Capital Improvements	716.00	-	716.00
Miscellaneous	30.00	310.00	(280.00)
Reserv.	-	150.00	(150.00)
TOTAL - Recreation	14,000.00	8,534.00	5,466.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES			
Municipal Utility	-	-	-
Cemeteries	5,485.00	1,025.00	4,460.00
DEBT SERVICE			
Bond Principal	76,600.00	76,600.00	-
Bond Interest	71,377.00	60,501.00	10,876.00
Interest on Temp. Loans	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Fire Department Equipment	13,000.00	6,410.00	6,590.00
Library Capital Improvements	4,500.00	3,400.00	1,100.00
Sewer Maintenance	*500.00	1,200.00(A)	(700.00)
Storm Damage	5,031.00	4,596.00	435.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	436,399.00	292,979.00	143,420.00

*Add budgetary appropriation of \$1,200. carried over from prior year.
(A) net = 500.00

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

PURPOSE	NOTES	ORIG. ISSUE	RATE	MATURITY DATE	BOND PRINCIPAL				BOND INTEREST			
					BALANCES 1/1/78	PAYMENTS		DUE 7/1/79 6/30/80	DUE SUBSEQUENTLY	PAID 1/1/78 - 6/30/79	DUE 7/1/79 6/30/80	DUE SUBSE- QUENTLY
						1/1/78	6/30/79					
3/15/74	Sewer Design	65,000.	.0475	12/15/78	13,000.00		13,000.00	-0-	-0-	617.50	-0-	-0-
6/20/75	Fire Station	35,000	.055	12/15/79	14,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	-0-	962.50	192.50	-0-
BONDS												
5/1/60	Water Construction	40,000	.0425	5/1/80	6,000.00		4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	295.50	85.00	-0-
2/15/70	Water Main Extension	112,000	.05	12/15/81	40,000.00		10,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	2,750.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
3/30/77	Sewer System	645,600	.05	1/15/2006	645,600.00		44,600.00	601,000.00	22,300.00	56,901.00	30,050.00	390,210.00
									578,700.00			

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
Property and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1978

—DR—

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$477,987.60
Public Service Co.	3,009.76
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	293.70
Yield Taxes	0.00
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Total Warrant	\$481,291.06
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	
Interim period ending Mar. 15, 1979	<hr/> 125.30
	\$481,416.36

—CR —

Remittances to Treasurer during
Interim period ending March 15, 1979

Property Taxes	\$419,001.65
Public Service Co.	2,979.67
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	290.90
Interest on Property Tax	118.78
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	\$422,391.00

Cash on Hand March 15, 1979

Property Tax	\$128.08
Interest	6.52
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	134.60

	\$422,525.60
Discounts Allowed	3,939.94
Abatements Allowed	63.68
Uncollected Taxes March 15, 1979	
as per Collector List	<hr/> 54,887.14

Total Credits	\$481,416.36
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1978 RESIDENT TAX

—DR—

Taxes Committed to Collector		
1978 Resident Taxes	\$5,140.00	
Added Taxes	200.00	
Penalties	<u>54.00</u>	
		\$5,394.00

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer during Interim period ending March 15, 1979		
Resident Taxes	\$4,690.00	
Penalties	<u>50.00</u>	
		\$4,740.00

Cash on hand - March 15, 1979		
Resident Taxes	\$40.00	
Penalties	<u>4.00</u>	
		44.00
		<u>\$4,784.00</u>

Abatements allowed	350.00	
Uncollected as of March 15, 1979	260.00	
		<u>\$5,394.00</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1977

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1978		
Property Taxes	\$45,510.81	
Resident Taxes	<u>610.00</u>	
		\$46,120.81
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	None	
Resident Taxes	<u>\$30.00</u>	
		\$30.00
Interest Collected on Prop. Taxes	\$761.68	
Penalties Collected on Res. Taxes	<u>44.00</u>	
		\$805.68
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$46,956.49</u>

—CR—

Remittances to treasurer during		
Interim period ending March 15, 1979		
Property Taxes	\$43,277.96	
Resident Taxes	440.00	
Int. collected on Property Taxes	761.68	
Pen. collected on Res. Taxes	<u>44.00</u>	
		\$44,523.64
Abatements made during Interim period		
ending March 15, 1979		
Resident Taxes	<u>\$200.00</u>	
		\$200.00
Uncollected Taxes March 15, 1979		
as per Collector List		
Property Taxes	\$2,232.85	
Resident Taxes	<u>None</u>	
		\$2,232.85
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$46,956.49</u>

Uncollected property taxes for 1977	
Est. of Margaret Frobishen	\$1,215.05
Joseph & Grace LeBlanc	947.15
Owner/Owners Unknown	63.65
Morris B. Pridham	<u>7.00</u>
	\$2,232.85

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property Taxes

Levy of 1976

—DR—

Uncollected property taxes as of Jan. 1, 1978	
Prop. Taxes	\$1,563.64
Interest Collected	<u>37.80</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,601.44

—CR—

Remittances To Treasurer during Interim period ending March 15, 1979	
Property Taxes	\$258.02
Interest Collected	<u>37.80</u>
	\$295.82

Uncollected property taxes March 15, 1979	
As per collector list	<u>1,305.62</u>
	\$1,601.44

1976 Uncollected Taxes	
Est. of Margaret Frobishen	\$1,240.63
Owner/Owners Unknown	<u>64.99</u>
	\$1,305.62

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property Taxes
Levy of 1975

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1978	\$1,189.25
Property Taxes	
Total Debits	

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer during Interim period ending March 15, 1979	
Property Taxes	None
Uncollected Taxes for 1975	\$1,189.25
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$1,189.25</u>
1975 Uncollected Property Taxes	
Est. of Margaret Frobisher (Bal. due)	\$1,095.25
Morris B. Pridham	<u>94.00</u>
	<u>\$1,189.25</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property Taxes
Levy of 1974

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1978	
Property Taxes	\$70.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$70.00</u>

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer during Interim period ending March 15, 1979	
Property Taxes	None
Uncollected Taxes for 1974	\$70.00
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$70.00</u>
Uncollected Taxes for 1974	
Morris B. Pridham	\$70.00

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above warrants and amounts due from each as of March 15, 1979 on account of the levy of 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William Priestley
Collector of Taxes
March 15, 1979

TOWN CLERK'S INTERIM REPORT

January 1, 1978 to February 28, 1979

CASH RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$26,294.50	
Dog Licenses	721.50	
Filing Fees	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$27,027.00
Less: Clerk's Fees-Dog Licenses		71.00
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		\$26,956.00

PAYMENT TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$26,294.50	
Dog Licenses	650.50	
Filing Fees	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$26,956.00

Parking Tickets & Other Fines	\$2,011.00	
Building Permits	338.00	
Bicycle Registrations	15.00	
Insurance Report Fees	28.00	
Pistol Permits	2.00	
Sale of Town Property (Battery Charger)	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,434.00

Marcia L. Whitehouse
Town Clerk

GENERAL FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT
28 February 1979
First National Bank - Portsmouth

Jan. 1, 1978 Balance - Town Report		-0-
Transfers from Checking	300,000.00	
Transfer -		
Great Common	5,612.74	
Reserve Accounts	3,177.66	
Interest Earned	<u>5,143.81</u>	
		313,934.21
Less:		
Transfers to Checking a/c	120,000.00	
Balance 28 Feb. 1979	<u> </u>	193,934.21

GENERAL FUND CHECKING
28 February 1979
First National Bank Portsmouth

Jan. 1, 1978 - Balance - Town Report		172,171.09
Receipts - Transfers from Savings	120,000.00	
Other	<u>716,795.05</u>	
		<u>836,795.05</u>
		1,008,966.14
Less:		
Transfers to Savings Acct.	300,000.00	
Orders Paid	<u>698,764.69</u>	<u>998,764.69</u>
Balance 28 Feb. 1979		10,201.45

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
Status as of 28 February 1979

1 January 1978 - Balance Town Report	6,607.54
1976 - Art 14 - Town Hall Repairs	2,217.00
Interest Earned	591.54
Accumulated Entities	3,799.00

Period 1 January 1978 thru 28 February 1979

Receipts - Entities	11,548.00	
Interest Earned	567.60	
		12,115.60
Total 1 Jan. Balance & Receipts		18,723.14

Payments to General Funds		
1976 - Art. 14 - Town Hall Repairs	2,217.00	
1977 - Art. 11 - Fire Truck	6,562.00	
Total Payments		<u>8,779.00</u>

Balance 28 Feb. 1979		9,944.14 (1)
Entities	8,785.00 (1)	
Interest Earned	1,159.14	

(1) \$6,562.00 to be transferred to General Fund prior to 30 June 1979 in compliance with 1977 Art. #12 as a set off against budgeted appropriation for Police Department.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
EPA SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS
Status as of 28 February 1979
Period - 1 January 1978 to 28 February 1979

Depository - New England Merchants National Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Cash - Checking Account

Bal. 1 Jan. 1978 Town Report 206.74

Transfers From Savings 33,700.00

33,906.74

Less- Disbursements

33,646.43

Balance Checking Acct.

260.31

28 Feb. '79

Cash - Savings Account

Bal. 1 Jan. 1978 Town

Report 23,395.94

Receipts:

Reimbursement - U.S. Gov. 85,600.00

Interest Earned 2,377.94

111,373.88

Transfers to Checking

33,700.00

Balance Savings - 28 Feb. '79

77,673.88

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
PUBLIC WORKS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Status as of 28 February 1979

	Total Public Works	Water Dept.	Sewer Dept.
(1) Cash	12,231.31		
(3) Accounts Receivable	6,558.48	6,499.83	5,731.48
(10) Supplies & Equipment	893.80	5,371.14	1,187.34
(20) Accounts Payable	279.94	464.80	429.00
(30) Income Receipts		31.42	248.52
(50-70) Expenditures	41,743.67	18,886.10	18,174.21
Surplus	24,087.01	16,050.59	25,693.08
		9,468.84	14,618.17
TOTALS	61,427.26	28,386.36	33,040.90

April billings will change these amounts drastically.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TRIAL BALANCE - GENERAL LEDGER
28 February 1979
General Funds

	DR.	CR.
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS	(268,924.26)	(235,647.70)
101 Cash - Checking	10,201.55	
102 Cash - Savings	193,934.21	
113 Property Taxes Receivable Current	59,553.70	
114 Property Taxes Delinquent	2,752.89	
115 Resident Taxes Receivable	900.00	
202 Fed. Income Tax Withheld	1,000.21	
203 Soc. Security Tax Withheld	581.70	
205 N.H. Retire Withholdings		878.84
250 Unexpended Appropriations		166,843.63
260 Unappropriated Fund Balance		67,906.70
204 Maine Income Tax Withheld		18.53
REVENUE ACCOUNTS	(3,987.97)	(629,089.04)
310 Property Taxes		483,501.13
311 Property Tax Discount	3,987.97	
313 Resident Taxes		5,318.00
316 National Bank Stock Taxes		290.90
318 Interest on Taxes		918.26
319 Interest on Savings Acct.		5,628.13
320 Penalties - Resident & Property Inventory		393.00
330 Business Profits Tax		473.64
331 Rooms & Meal Tax		5,793.98
332 Highway Subsidy		6,745.87
333 Interest & Dividends Tax		49,329.90
334 Savings Bank Tax		4,145.68
335 Gas Tax Refund		263.29
355 Dog Licenses		650.50
360 Permits, Licenses, Filing Fees		380.00
370 Reg. of Motor Vehicles		26,294.50
375 Sale of Town Property		40.00
380 Miscellaneous - includes Wentworth Dumping + Police Reports		525.00
390 Contra Account		776.61
365 Fines, Forfeits (includes Parking Fines)		2,051.00
340 Water Pollution -(State Portion of Bond)		18,970.00
393 Income - Recreation Dept		1,699.00
394 Reimbursement - Cemetery		1,090.65

TOWN WARRANT

1979

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Rockingham, ss.

New Castle

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Recreation Building in the Great Island Common in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the eighth of May, 1979 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The pools for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before six o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the year 1979-80 upon credit of the Town, and to issue its notes therefor in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid from the State for the construction of Town roads and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums of money therefor.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, grants or Federal Aid in the name of the Town of New Castle.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to provide workers' compensation coverage for eligible employees by participating in the New Hampshire Municipal Association Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program commencing January, 1979, and to authorize the Selectmen to take such action in furtherance of this vote as may be necessary.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars (\$10,732.00), including One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) interest thereon, from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as a setoff against budgeted appropriations for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) and interest thereon, for road improvements and to authorize withdrawal of that amount from the Trust Fund established for that purpose.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following question: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which makes it unlawful for an owner of any dog licensed or unlicensed to permit said dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such?"

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to finance planning fees, for the construction of a new Town Office Building and for the removal of the existing Town Hall Building. The new building to be constructed on the Town owned property adjacent to the Fire Station. A vote in the affirmative shall give the Selectmen the authority to proceed with the necessary planning action.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, an amendment to Section IV.B.11. of the Zoning Ordinance by adding the words "per family unit" so that Section IV.B.11. will read: "Each structure moved or erected shall be situated on a lot having an area of

not less than 20,000 square feet per family unit, the frontage of the lot shall be at least one hundred feet and the depth at least one hundred feet. This restriction shall not apply if the lot was recorded in a deed or plan in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds prior to the date of passage of this ordinance.

(ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, an amendment to Section IV.D.7. of the Zoning Ordinance by adding the words “per family unit” so that Section IV.D.7. will read: “No hotels, motels or other residential units shall be allowed, except that a residence of not more than two families may be allowed on lots of 20,000 square feet or more per family unit, with a frontage of at least one hundred feet and a depth of at least one hundred feet.”

(ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, an amendment to Section IV.B.13. of the Zoning Ordinance by replacing the word “or” with a comma, so that IV.B.13. will read: “No building shall exceed two and one-half stories, thirty-five feet in height.”

(ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, an amendment to Section IV.D.1.a. of the Zoning Ordinance, by replacing the word “or” with a comma, so that IV.D.1.a will read: “The building shall not be more than two and one-half (2½) stories, thirty-five (35) feet in height.”

(ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)

ARTICLE 16. On Petition of Judith Ward and 33 other voters to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$15,000.00, to finance plan-

ning and architectural fees, for the construction of a new Town Office Building and the removal of the existing Town Hall building or for the adaptive rehabilitation of the existing Town Hall into appropriate offices and meeting rooms. The decision will be made by the Selectmen after a public hearing following a professional study on the feasibility of adaptive rehabilitation of the present Town Hall.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen or a majority of them to sell and convey the real property acquired by the Town by tax sale, any such sale to be at public auction to the highest bidder.

ARTICLE 18. To transact such other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of April, 1979

Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington
Douglas R. Woodward
Selectmen, New Castle, New Hampshire

A true copy — attest:

Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington
Douglas R. Woodward

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN
OF NEW CASTLE, N.H.**

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Present Budget 18 Months 1978-1979	Budget Committee Recommended Budget 1979-1980
General Government:		
1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$12,600	\$9,000.
2. Town Officers' Expenses	12,920.	10,100.
3. Election & Registration	2,045.	1,250.
4. Town Buildings	4,012.	8,500.
5. Employee Ret. & S.S.	4,050.	3,300.
6. Property Reappraisal	500.	550.
7. Contingency Fund	1,500.	1,000.
Protection of Persons & Property:		
11. Police Department	34,450.	26,420.
12. Fire Department	13,934.	12,258.
13. Insurance	10,700.	8,000.
14. Planning & Zoning	2,024.	1,600.
15. Damage & Legal Expenses	6,700.	4,000.
Public Welfare:		
21. Old Age, Town Poor, Disabled	4,700.	1,600.
22. Public Health	3,050.	3,000.
23. Garbage Removal	22,500.	16,700.
24. Mosquito Control	2,415.	700.
25. Conservation Commission	750.	200.
26. Archives and Records	1,300.	575.
27. Parks & Recreation	14,000.	10,630.
28. Library - Town Appropriation	6,400.	4,880.
29. Library - other	921.	1,522(X)
30. Federal Disaster	5,031.	--
Roads:		
31. Town Maintenance	33,900.	29,060.
32. Town Road Aid	50.	48.
33. Town Road Aid - Restricted	1,960.	3,401.
Debt Service:		
41. Principal	76,600.	41,300.
42. Interest, Long Term	71,377.	31,577.
43. Interest, Temporary Loans	1,500.	1,500.
Capital Outlay & Capital Reserve:		
51. Fire Dept. 5" Hose Reel	13,000.	--
52. Library, Paint & Insulate	4,500.	--
53. Sewer, Depreciation Fund	500.	--
54. Town Office Building Study, warrant article 11		15,000.

	Present Budget 18 Months 1978-1979	Budget Committee Recommended Budget 1979-1980
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Public Enterprises:

61. Cemeteries	5,485.	3,150.(X)
62. Library, gift fund		1,000.(X)
63. Water Department	26,655.	19,500.(X)
64. Sewer Department	19,870.	30,000.(X)
65. Public Works Salary	14,500.	

71. TOTAL APPROPRIATION

RECOMMENDED	\$436,399.	\$301,321.
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72. APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDED

EXCLUDING ITEM 54		\$286,321.
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(X) Appropriation contingent on receipt of income from fees, gifts, grants, trust income

Submitted without Recommendation

81. Tennis Courts, Design & Estimate		
Not Recommended		1,000.
91. Town Hall study, warrant article by petition		15,000.

Sources of Revenue

	Estimated Revenue 18 months 1978-1979	Estimated Revenue 1979-1980
From State:		
1. National Bank Stock Tax	303.	200.
2. Highways & Bridges	8,060.	5,928
3. Interest & Dividends Tax	49,330.	49,330.
4. Savings Bank Tax	3,276.	4,150.
5. Gas Refund	309.	250.
6. Sewer Debt Reimbursement	38,370.	18,575.
7. Room & Meals Tax	5,794.	5,794.
8. Highway Safety	--	900.

From Local Sources:

11. Dog Licenses	620.	550.
12. Building Permits	600.	400.
13. Int. on Deposits, Delin. Taxes	1,050.	2,500.
14. Parking Tickets	2,500.	1,900.
15. Motor Vehicle Permits	30,000.	25,000.
16. Resident Tax	4,500.	4,500.
17. Int. on Sewer Capital	1,000.	1,000.
18. Cont. to Town Poor	900.	--
19. Wentworth Garbage	1,000.	650.
20. Library: Trusts, Fines, Svgs.	2,155.	1,522.(Y)
21. Recreation, Gate Receipts, Bldg. Rental	1,875.	1,800.

22. Sale of Town Prop.	--	100.
23. Misc.	87.	--
24. Capital Reserve Funds	--	6,000.

From Federal Sources:

31. Revenue Sharing	8,000.	10,732.
32. Revenue Sharing Interest	500.	1,000.
33. Federal Disaster Aid	5,031.	--

To Enterprise Activities

41. Cemeteries	5,485.	3,150.(Y)
42. Water Department	28,155.	19,500.(Y)
43. Sewer Department	32,370.	30,000.(Y)
44. Library Gift Fund	--	1,000.(Y)

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$231,270	\$196,431.
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(Y) For contingency appropriations

395	Storm Damage	5,031.00
377	Federal Revenue Sharing	8,779.00

General Government	(29,750.92)
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400	Town Officers Salaries	9,244.03
403	Town Officers Expenses	9,123.42
404	Election & Registration	1,823.17
410	Maint. of Town Hall & Other Town Owned Property	5,516.48
412	Employer Soc. Sec. & Retire.	3,560.75
418	Reappraisal of Property	483.07

Protection of Persons & Property	(51,957.48)
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425	Police Department	25,395.79
430	Fire Department	10,894.14
435	Insurance	10,143.00
436	Planning & Zoning	910.94
438	Damages & Legal Expenses	3,302.86
440	Historic Records	1,270.75
442	Conservation Commission	40.00

Health	16,651.54)
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450	General	375.00
455	Refuse Collection	15,178.70
457	Mosquito Control	597.84
459	Ambulance Subsidy	500.00

Highways & Bridges	28,220.86
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475	Summer Highway Maintenance	1,977.20
480	Winter Highway Maintenance	19,267.65
482	Street Lighting	6,169.87
485	General Highway Expense	764.40
487	Town Road Aid	41.74

Public Libraries	(4,100.00)
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500	Library	4,100.00
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Public Welfare	(33.00)	
Aid to Perm. & Tot. Disabled	33.00	
Recreation	(8,534.39)	
Park and Recreation	8,534.39	
Public Service Enterprises	(1,024.65)	
570 Cemeteries	1,024.65	
Debt Service	(137,100.56)	
571 Bond Principal	76,600.00	
572 Bond Interest	60,500.56	
Capital Outlay	(301,372.54)	
575 Fire Department (Truck)	6,410.00	
576 Library Capital Improvements	3,400.00	
585 County Tax	27,478.00	
587 School District Tax	264,084.54	
1977 - 1978	(154,084.54)	
1978 - 1979	(110,000.00)	
1978 - 1979 Bal. Due	84,194.84	
Unclassified	(13,078.57)	
580 Sewer Tyin at Town Hall		
Art. 14-1977	1,200.00	
590 Storm Damage	4,596.00	
593 Transfer to Trustees		
(Highway Fund)	6,000.00	
599 Contra Account		
(Reimbursements)	137.25	
600 Miscellaneous	1,145.32	
Dog Licenses to State	\$44.00	
Rewire Caretaker's		
Cottage	1,101.32	
TOTAL	864,736.74	864,736.74

NEW CASTLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

In 1977 the Town adopted the Municipal Budget Law providing for a five member Budget Committee. The Committee has the responsibility of preparing the Town and School District budgets. It has the authority to examine all expenditures and to require reports from Town and School District officials so that it can knowledgeably judge requests for expenditures. The Committee has now gone through the preparation of two budgets and would like to share some observations.

We are seeing significant improvements in the management of Town affairs.

- Essentially all Town and School District funds are now earning interest.
- Insurance coverage has been reviewed, duplications eliminated, and costs reduced.
- Expenditures and comparisons to budgets are now being reported by all departments on a regular basis.
- Fuel purchases have been grouped to get a lower price.

In our oversight role we have asked many searching questions. All those responsible have responded positively and demonstrated a genuine concern for providing services at a minimum cost. The Committee has been most impressed with the long hours of service contributed by a large number of people. These efforts are a significant factor in New Castle's favorable tax rate.

As a result of our review of budgets we feel the Town and School appropriations have been lower than they would have been otherwise. The change to the optional fiscal year which the Town also adopted in 1977 has made budget comparisons difficult however during the transition.

During the next year the Committee will be looking at capital projects and major programs. Working with all the boards and committees, we want to develop an orderly financial plan for these major expenditures.

We are concerned with the economic viability of the water and sewer enterprises. For the sewer system not to be prohibitively expensive it must be used as mandated by Town Ordinances. The Committee has called to the attention of the Selectmen that for the financial health of the sewer system the Selectmen need to enforce the ordinance.

The water system and sewer system rates at present do not provide adequately for depreciation and replacement of facilities. We are working with the Water and Sewer Departments at the request of the Selectmen to recommend adequate depreciation schedules.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald A. Moore
Chairman, Budget Committee

March 16, 1979

NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Library Trustees are pleased to report the book circulation is increasing by about twenty-five percent annually and our librarians are moving ahead nicely on cataloging our collection

The painting and insulation of the building was completed in the fall.

The State Library is serving us through our affiliation with the State Library System. Our librarian continues to issue State Library Cards which are honored in the libraries affiliated with the State System. The Portsmouth Library no longer honors the state cards.

Our book delivery service to shut-ins is still available and is currently being used.

Once again, we thank friends and patrons for their contributions and continuing support.

NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY Interim Financial Report 1 January 1978 - 28 February 1979

Receipts

Town Appropriation	\$4,100.00
Trust Fund Interest	518.13
Savings Interest	69.86
"NOW" Checking Interest	70.07
Fines	97.25
Gifts	400.00
Book Sales	104.65
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	\$5,359.96

Expenditures

Salaries	\$2,144.88
Taxes (FICA)	109.99
Electricity	174.76
Telephone	197.59
Water/Sewer	105.75

Fuel Oil	606.90
Books	1,192.75
Supplies/Postage	140.01
Upkeep	45.50
Professional Meetings/Dues	144.90
Misc.	30.00
	<u>\$4,893.03</u>

NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Although our Town has been left relatively untouched in regards to Burglaries and Car Thefts in the past, we must not rely on our good luck to protect us in the future. The time is gone when we could leave our houses and automobiles unlocked and valuables left unprotected.

We can all contribute to the crime prevention without major expenses, merely by using good common sense approaches to Home Security.

To arrange a Home Security Check please call New Castle Police.

Respectfully;
Stanley M. Pridham

NEW CASTLE POLICE REPORT FOR 1978

ACTIVITY COMPARISON

	1978	1977
Vandalism	21	26
Accidents (Auto)	24	13
Unfounded	N/R	22
Dog Complaints (78 Animal)	41	19
Public Assists	17	61
Drunk	5	5
Medical Assists	40	17
Fire Calls	13	14
Burglary	1	6
Burglary (False Alarms)	8	N/R
Party	2	5
Break Ins	5	4
Theft (From Auto)		3
Theft (From Boat)		6
Theft (From Property)		5
Larcenies	31	
Missing Child	1	5
Juvenile	29	15
Domestic Complaint	1	2

Drownings	1	1
Unattended Deaths	1	1
Gun Shots	1	3
Fireworks	5	3
Patrol Milage	22,390	19,400
Hours on Radar	197.5	148
Moving Violations	87	152
DWI	1	1
Parking Tickets Issued	290	282
Warning Tickets Issued	19	33
Courtesy Tickets Issued	150	229
Defective Equipment Tags	7	11

Respectfully Submitted

STANLEY M. PRIDHAM

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission has overseen the various programs throughout the past year. The programs are as follows:

- (1) Swimming Classes
- (2) Summer Playground
- (3) Easter Egg Hunt
- (4) National Junior Tennis Program

We drew up a questionnaire that was hand delivered concerning the usage of the Common Building and grounds. There also were various questions concerning what activity or programs they would like to have.

The following is a summary from the results of the survey. The majority of the 100 questionnaires were in favor of improved tennis facilities, a good percentage indicating new tennis courts. The skating facility was the next, indicating the return use of the old area where the existing tennis courts are. New playground equipment at the Common was a major concern. It was asked that the basketball court at the school grounds be upgraded.

With the use of this questionnaire, we feel that there is interest for improvements. The following recommendations are being planned by the recreation commission:

We are purchasing new playground equipment for the Common; also we are currently working with the School Board to improve the basketball court at the school. We are also requesting \$1,000 to do a feasibility study for new tennis courts.

The skating problem which has not been solved will be corrected when and if present tennis courts are no longer needed, with future plans of new tennis courts.

There was also interest in forming different types of clubs such as health and exercise, teen club, volleyball teams, card clubs and arts and crafts.

We, the Commission, welcome suggestions and also people who would be willing to form or assist others in any club or function. The Commission would be willing to provide space and set up scheduling.

Recreation Chairman
Harry Ward

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 1978 the Fire Department answered 17 alarms, including 2 structural fires. We have experienced an increase in chimney fires and would like to take this opportunity to remind those who burn wood to have their chimneys cleaned and inspected frequently. Although our ranks have increased this year, there is still a need for trained firefighters. Meetings are held each Monday evening with training sessions conducted every other Monday at 7:00 P.M.. All interested people are urged to attend.

We feel that the time is fast approaching when the 1956 Dodge truck should be replaced. We are proposing the establishment of a capital reserve fund with a goal of replacement in 1984. In the past three years the Dodge has required some major repairs and due to the age of the truck we can expect more serious problems in the future. An example of this is the brakes will have to be completely overhauled this year as minor repairs have not fixed the braking problem. The usual life of this type of vehicle is 20 years and by 1984 this truck will have exceeded that by 8 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Wards

REPORT OF DISTRICT FOREST FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FIRE WARDEN

For more than 80 years, a cooperative effort between the State of New Hampshire and local forest fire authorities have created a forest fire prevention and suppression program that is recognized as superior throughout the United States.

Since the first forest fire laws were written in 1895, the state and local community governments have worked together to prevent and combat forest fires.

Today, 249 forest fire wardens and more than 1,800 deputy wardens are appointed every three years by the State Forester to work with the members of the State Forest Fire staff in this effort. State funds are used to pay one-half the cost of forest fire suppression costs incurred by local forest fire organizations, within pay rates established by the Governor and Council. State funds matched by local funds are used to purchase hand tools to suppress forest fires, to train local forest fire crews and in forest fire prevention work.

All outside burning, when the ground is not covered with snow, is permitted only after obtaining a written fire permit from your local Forest Fire Warden. Penalty for burning without a permit when one is required is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or a jail term of up to one year or both.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

1978 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,433	460
District	213	105.38
Town	0	0

Clark M. Davis
District Fire Chief

Reginald Whitehouse
Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL REPORT PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had eight meetings, three work sessions and three public hearings during the calendar year 1978. We have met three times, had one work session and two public hearings through March 15, 1979.

New subdivision regulations were adopted February 15, 1978 and they have been recorded with the Rockingham Register of Deeds. Our 1978 recommendations for changes in the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code were adopted. Mr. and Mrs. Howell Russell have completed the numbering of residences.

M. Tucke Curtiss was named by the Planning Board as its member on the school declining enrollment committee and Paul Clark was appointed to the town buildings committee. The planning board was not involved in the work and decisions of these committees.

We met to receive petitions for changes in the zoning ordinance and building code as required by law. There were no petitions received. However, we did receive a letter of request from Wentworth Hotel, Inc. asking for a change in the Zoning Ordinance as to the buffer zone. This request was included in our agenda for the first public hearing on zoning ordinance changes without any planning board recommendation, for or against. The board did not receive sufficient evidence to recommend a change. We are recommending changes in four subsections of the ordinance to the 1979 town meeting.

There has been a great number of newspaper articles dealing with town plans since the Raymond decision. Your planning board formally adopted portions of the comprehensive plan during the year and certified them to the Selectmen.

Margaret M. Hartford
Chairman

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector issued 2 permits for new homes in 1978. In addition 17 permits were issued for various types of building and remodeling. One permit was issued for a swimming pool. The approximate total value of all permits was \$229,900.00.

As a reminder, I would like to stress the 10' set back requirement on all property lines, except the front, that set back is 25'. No building or part of a structure is to be erected any closer than 10'. If a waiver of the 10' requirement is desired, a hearing before the Board of Adjustment is mandatory.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Pitts,
Building Inspector

DOG WARDEN'S REPORT

As of March 1, 1979, I was appointed Dog Warden for the Town of New Castle. The present town and State laws will be strictly enforced. My normal operating hours will be 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday thru Friday. All calls after those hours will be referred to my answering service.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Pitts,
Dog Warden

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The winter of 1978 with its heavy snow fall, held us up on many summer projects because we were not sure how heavy this past 1978-79 winter was going to be. The only summer maintenance performed was patching of the roads. We purchased one culvert to repair the culvert in Pitt Lane, that is in poor condition. This will be completed as soon as the weather breaks and things dry out. We will also be sweeping the roads in the spring and may possibly have 1 or 2 cleanup days. Patching of potholes will continue in April and early May.

During the past winter with all of its ice we only used 2 loads of salt in the entire town, excluding what the State placed on Rt. 1-B. We did, however, use considerably more sand than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Tabbutt,
Road Agent

ANNUAL REPORT - TOWN HISTORIAN

Year 1978 - 1979

The Town Historian and the members of the Archives and Records Committee have continued during the past year with the task of indexing the records of the past 50 years. Geraldine Woodward has been working on the reports of the meetings of the Selectmen. Mary White is working on the general correspondence.

A gratifying accomplishment this year was the restoration and preservation in adequate bindings of four volumes of early vital statistics, which were literally falling apart. There is much more in the way of preservation which needs to be done by professionals, but the most acute needs have been taken care of. We hope to have selected batches of loose, unbound documents and records repaired and restored little by little over the coming years.

We continued to receive many visitors seeking genealogical information. Cynthia Thomas responds to a great many requests by mail. Sometimes this seems like a thankless task, but now and then she gets some information included in the requests which adds to the accuracy of our records. New Castle is envied by our neighboring communities who are not fortunate enough to have an indefatigable Cynthia Thomas!

Anna White and Fred White are our real "resource" members, always glad to share their wide knowledge of New Castle history with us, as we try to respond to requests from serious researchers and from school children from as far away as Oklahoma.

Two albums of historical pictures have been added to the records in the Town Vault. One is the large collection of pictures recording the preparation for and celebration of the Bicentennial in 1975 and '76. The other is a collection of pictures of the New Castle of the 1930's and '40's presented to the Town by Elizabeth Plumer, to whom we are most grateful. These albums may be seen during regular office hours of the Historian on Monday mornings until 11 o'clock, or by making arrangements with the Historian or Cynthia Thomas.

The Historian wants very much to initiate an "Oral History" project in New Castle, interviews not only with elder citizens, but with others who have lived here amidst the changes that have taken place in recent years (such as the development of Bos'n's Hill, or the coming of Zoning ordinances, and Long Range Planning). She has attended two seminars or meetings concerned with Oral History projects and has lots of information about how to get started and to proceed. She would welcome an opportunity to discuss here hopes and ideas with anyone who might be interested in such a project. It is not necessary for such a person to be an "old timer" or a "native". The time involved would be entirely flexible, no fixed hours or dates. The Historian is looking for help! So, please "get in touch"!

Respectfully submitted

Janet Macomber
Town Historian

March 19, 1979

**REPORT
OF
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE
March 1979**

This Town Hall and Office Space Committee originated by vote at the 1978 Town Meeting. Its charge was as follows:

“To establish a committee to recommend action to be taken on the Town Hall and to provide office space.”

The committee appointed by the Selectmen consisted of the following persons:

Chairman: Fred White

Members: Carolyn Baker

Paul Clark

Henry Greenberg

Wilfred Hall

Margaret Harrington

Janet Macomber

Adelbert Palmer

Wayne Semprini

The committee has held 11 meetings including a public hearing held at the Town Hall on January 23, 1979.

General Background

The Building Committee has carefully considered several alternatives for a town office including use of land at Great Island Common, use of other land owned by the town including the rental of office space.

After considerable debate the following alternatives were those selected for detailed analysis.

1. Use of the school building if it should become available.
2. Reconstruction of the current Town Hall.
3. Erecting a new town office building on the site of the existing Town Hall.
4. Do nothing (except essential repairs to the current structure).

In arriving at the above alternatives the committee examined other town buildings, laws pertaining to use of common land and various covenants regarding use of school property.

Also, an investigation was made as to the architectural value of the current Town Hall, grants which might be available for repairing this structure, and whether it would be desirable to accept such grants as might be available at some future time. Also, discussions were carried on with other smaller towns as to their renovations of existing town halls.

In order to obtain input from citizens of the town a hearing was held and the committee noted statements made by interested townspeople concerning alternatives discussed (mentioned above).

Criteria Used in Evaluating Alternatives

In order to evaluate alternatives the committee decided that the pertinent factors deserving analysis were:

1. Safety
 - a. Fire, protection for vital records
 - b. Other, use by citizens of the town including stairs and in view of public laws dealing with handicapped persons
2. Utility
 - a. Convenience of use, location within town
 - b. Parking, ease of vehicular traffic
3. Esthetics
 - a. Building appearance
 - b. Site appearance
4. Economics
 - a. First cost, to refurbish or build new
 - b. Operating cost, heat, light, power, insurance, security

Exhibit 1 shows how the committee rated various alternatives based on their research. The committee realizes that ratings are somewhat arbitrary. For example, one individual might rate aesthetics higher than economics while a second person would rate exactly the opposite. Nevertheless, for a heterogeneous group of committee per-

sons the evaluation seemed reasonable. Exhibit 2 shows cost estimates of various alternatives.

Discussion of Alternatives

1. Use of the School. If this alternative is available following the school district school meeting to be held April 7th, it is the committee's recommendation the school be used as town offices and the existing Town Hall be demolished.

The school building should be used in its present form, and not altered until some later date when the town is sure it will not need this building as a school again. It has been determined that this is feasible. However, if the town does close the school and it is used for town offices and the existing Town Hall is demolished, the town will be in no worse condition at a later date if it wished to erect a new town hall (or school) than it is now (i.e. it could still use the existing school for a school and build a new town hall). Therefore, this alternative is the committee's first recommendation. Parking is good at the school. The playground could be maintained for that purpose. Fire, upkeep and convenience ratings are high.

2. Repair the Present Town Hall. A preliminary plan was drawn which would refurbish the first floor into offices, seal off the top floor, repair or replace all windows, insulate the used area, subdivide this area into offices, repair the roof, paint the exterior and sprinkle the building to insure fire safety.

Investigation of the building's historic worth is a matter of personal interpretation. This is not the original Town Hall. The original was located on Cranfield Street. The building is not antique (built before 1865) and is not in harmony with earlier structures in town. While some would say it's history in that it was used by the Knights of Pythias, etc., we do not feel this is significant. It's principal drawback is that it is unfortunately too big for the town needs, is incorrectly located on the lot to accommodate parking, is difficult to use for older citizens and is currently a fire hazard particularly since a fire in it could preclude use of fire equipment next door and even cause extensive damage to the fire station.

It may well be that grants will become available for repair of this type structure. However, it is felt the above problems will not be cured by repairing the existing structure. In most cases grants must be matched by town money.

Some have suggested delaying the decision while studies are made of the "historical value" of the building. We feel this is unnecessary.

We do not feel that a long term decision committing the town to an incorrect course of action should be tied to some future possibility to obtain grants nor that the town should pay even half of such costs if the difference will be paid over and over again in operating costs. Therefore, this alternative was rejected.

3. New Building. The committee found that a new building could well cost less than renovating the existing structure. (See Exhibit 2) Also, it could be relocated on the lot so as to afford adequate parking. It would be fireproof, meet handicapped requirements and be convenient for use.

Several alternatives are possible. They include a cement block brick faced building, a metal building, or a wooden structure. We rejected a wooden structure for five reasons. The cement block building seemed very expensive. In the end we suggest a steel building whose foundation is so constructed so it can be bricked when, as and if the town wishes to do so.

This is the cheapest alternative and is the one recommended by the committee.

4. Do Nothing. This alternative is somewhat deceptive in name. The building is unsafe and we have been advised by the fire chief that corrective action is necessary. Unplanned maintenance was required this year in connection with the heating system and front porch. This is only the beginning. The structure has not been fully painted since work accomplished by the WPA in the 1930's. Whether the town likes it or not, the fuel, maintenance and insurance costs will skyrocket on this building. At the absolute minimum the committee feels \$12,000. is needed for immediate repairs for continued occupancy. (See Exhibit 2)

Town Meetings

Considerable discussion surrounded our use of a building for town meetings. Unless action is also taken to repair the Common recreation building, the time will come when it will be unsafe to use. Our plans do not provide for a hall big enough for such meetings, but do provide a room for smaller hearings routinely held by the town committees. It is our feeling that the fire station which is heated and does have the capacity can be utilized for town meetings by moving the equipment out temporarily during such occasions

We realize that not everyone in town will arrive at the same conclusions as the committee. Indeed, division exists within the committee itself. However, action is needed having been postponed for several years. We trust the above deliberations are useful for the townspeople in arriving at a decision through democratic processes at our town meeting.

All estimates are approximate and thought to be reasonable, but since the committee had no funds with which to operate, error may exist. Such errors as may exist will likely apply equally to all alternatives. If the town opts for a new town hall, Selectmen will later give the town cost estimates and a method of financing which may be rejected or accepted by the townspeople at that time.

Recommendations

Based on the above logic, the committee has recommended to the Selectmen that the following items be placed on the warrant for the upcoming town meeting:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to move the town offices into the school buildings. Also to raise and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.), to defray the cost of that move.

If at the New Castle School District Meeting of April 7, 1979, the school district votes to retain the use of the buildings, for school purposes, this article should not be voted on.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) to finance planning fees, for the construction of a new Town Office Building and for the removal of the existing Town Hall building. The new building to be constructed on the Town owned property adjacent to the Fire Station. A vote in the affirmative shall give the Selectmen the authority to proceed with the necessary planning action.

If Article 1 is approved this article should not be voted on.

EXHIBIT 1

	Patch Old Building	Remodel Old Building	New Building	School
Fire safety	1	2	4	3
Personal safety	1	2	4	4
Security	2	2	2	2
Parking	1	1	4	4
Ease of use	2	2	4	4
First cost	4	2	3	4
Operating cost	1	2	4	3
Building appearance	1	1	2	4
Site appearance	1	1	3	4
Library consolidation	0	0	4	4
TOTAL	14	15	34	36

Poor = 1
Fair = 2
Good = 3
Excellent = 4

BUILDING INFORMATION

Exhibit 2

Old Town Hall

Repair and remodel per estimate (R.S. Means,
“Building Construction Cost Data)

2200 square feet	\$29	\$63,800.
Sprinkler system		<u>35,000.</u>
TOTAL		\$98,800.

New Building - Steel

200 square feet	\$32	\$64,000.
Site work		10,000.
Remove old building		<u>11,000.</u>
TOTAL		\$85,000.

New Building - Wood

200 square feet	\$35.	\$70,000.
Architect		7,000.
Site work		10,000.
Remove old building		<u>11,000.</u>
TOTAL		\$98,000.

New Building - Brick over Block

2000 square feet	\$43	\$86,000.
Architect		8,600.
Site work		10,000.
Remove old building		<u>11,000.</u>
TOTAL		\$115,000.

Repairs Needed Immediately

Renail and paint siding		\$4,500.
Repair, putty and paint windows		2,000.
Install a new electric circuit in offices		500.
Patch and paint interior		4,000.
Repair the front porch and fire escape		600.
Miscellaneous		<u>400.</u>
TOTAL		\$12,000.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

In July, the Board granted two variances, one to erect a porch less than the minimum distance from a property line; the other to construct an addition of room and deck also less than the prescribed distance. There was no abuttor opposition.

Later in November, the Board approved the New Castle Yacht Club's request for a special exception to build a second floor addition.

Anne Jane Finn, Chairman
Ivory G. Kimball, Clerk
Reginald Whitehouse
Margaret Gray
Henry Greenberg

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

During the past year 15 dead elm trees were removed from Riverside cemetery at a cost of \$690.00. Additional depressions have been filled and much brush has been cut around the perimeter of the cemetery.

There have been two cases of vandalism this past year. The tipping over of two marble stones that will require monument men to re-erect.

We have bargained for broken curb to be used in a manner similar to the partial wall at the water end of the cemetery. It is hoped this can be brought to New Castle and installed in place before June 30, so that money allowed for this purpose last town meeting can be used.

We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Birdsall and Com. & Mrs. Finn for their continued interest in watching over the cemetery, and all those who have shown an interest in the upkeep of our cemeteries.

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING February 28, 1979

INCOME

Individual payments for care of lots	\$245.00
Trust Funds Cemetery Lot Care	1,746.11
Town Appropriation	None
Sale of Burial Space	None
Interest	428.40
TOTAL	<u>\$2,419.51</u>

Expenditure for Labor & Supplies	\$1,169.94
Removal of 15 Dead Elm Trees	690.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,859.94</u>

Cemetery Improvement Fund Balance	\$6,283.27
Savings Bank Account	1,666.77
Checking Account Balance	251.11

Respectfully Submitted

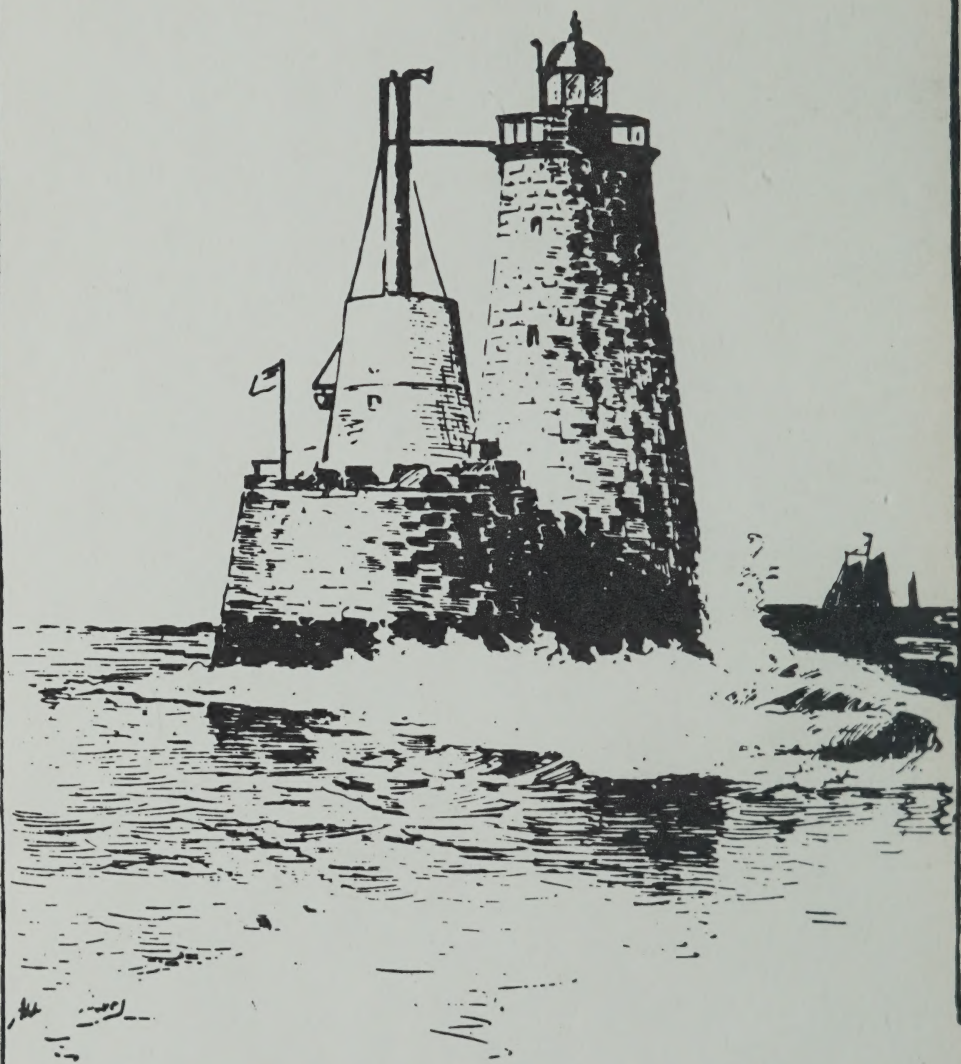
Ivory G. Kimball, Treasurer
Joann L. Ireland
Harlan M. Talbot

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	JANUARY 1, 1978	NEW FUNDS	DECEMBER 31, 1978
Cemetery Funds:					
Various	Various	Care of Burial Lot (1) & (4)	21,174.00		21,174.00
TOTALS A/C	Cemetery Funds		21,174.00		21,174.00
Library Funds					
1/12/28	Elizabeth T. C. Rand	General purpose & Book	5,000.00		5,000.00
1/31/67	J. Ben Hart	Book	1,104.73	86.44 (4)	1,191.17
8/7/67	Helen E. Baketel	Book Fund	1,015.00		1,015.00
4/29/70	Gladys H. Barker	Book Fund	300.00		300.00
Totals A/C	Library Funds		7,419.73	86.44	7,506.17
Miscellaneous Funds					
3/6/72	Andre Marchand	Beautification of Great Island Common	1,375.00		1,375.00
4/1/77	Bicentennial Fund	Care of Bicentennial Park			
2/9/78	Town of New Castle	Road Improvement	823.19		823.19
	Capital Reserve Fund			6,000.00 (4)	6,000.00
Totals A/C	Miscellaneous Funds		2,198.19	6,000.00	8,198.19
(1) Common Funds, Part at 7 1/2%, Part at 7 3/4% in Portsmouth Savings Bank, Portsmouth Trust Company, Piscataqua Savings Bank.					
(3) Portsmouth Trust Co. 6 3/4%					
(4) Portsmouth Savings Bank @ 5 1/4%.					
TOTALS			30,791.92	6,086.44	36,878.36

FUND	BALANCE 1/1/78	Income 1978	Expended 1978	BALANCE 12/31/78
Cemetery Funds	\$7,565.07	\$2,179.07	\$1,746.11	\$7,998.03
Library Funds				
Rand	.00	345.16	345.16	.00
Hart	.00	80.39	80.39	.00
Baketel	.00	70.08	70.08	.00
Barker	.00	22.50	22.50	.00
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	.00	518.13	518.13	.00
Miscellaneous Funds				
Marchand	\$322.28	\$127.30	.00	\$449.58
Bicentennial	34.22	61.96	.00	96.18
Capital Reserve	.00	290.22	.00	835.98
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	356.50	479.48	.00	835.98
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$7,921.57	\$3,176.68	\$2,264.24	\$8,834.01

Paid to 1977 Expenses 16.00
 Paid Portsmouth Trust Co. 6.00
 Depository Box
 Cash on Hand-Current Account 1,293.40

Trustees
Leonard N. Rhoades
Ivory G. Kimball



WHALESBACK LIGHT.